



Google Books *in the Classroom*

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Get the tool: <http://books.google.com/>

Google books

What is it?

There is always more information out there. Let Google Books help you find it. Google Books allows you to search, bookmark, organize, and share millions of books and magazines from libraries and publishers worldwide.

Google Books allows you to use the power of search to find the information you are looking for from the full text of books -- from the first word on the first page to the last word in the final chapter -- so you can find books that are important to your research.

After you find the perfect book grab the free version if available or use the Google eBookstore to purchase an eBook to be read on the Web, Android, iPhone, iPad, Sony or Nook.



Why use it?

Students can use Google Books to:

- Create a library of books consisting of bookshelves of titles they have read and titles they would like to read
- Read and write reviews of books
- Find a book at a local library or purchase a book online
- Search for a phrase within a book
- Preview a book by reading the overview or a limited preview of the book
- View popular passages and common terms and phrases

Teachers can use Google Books to:

- Familiarize students with a book they are about to read by previewing different editions and cover art designs of a novel
- Find a list of related books
- Create an online classroom library
- Embed a book in a classroom blog for easy access by students and parents

Instructional Ideas

Elementary. Creating an author study using a Google Books bookshelf is a wonderful way to increase reading comprehension and make text connections. Here is an

Expert Tips

- Use Advanced Book Search to narrow search by language, full view, search just magazines
- When using the Preview a Book feature use the link button to either share the link or grab the embed code to put the preview on a website. Don't forget you can still search the entire book after it is embedded.

example of a teacher created author study bookshelf on Mem Fox: <http://goo.gl/tzKB>.

Middle School. Create a genre unit study using a Google Books classroom library with bookshelves classified by genre. Provide students with a list of books and have them classify the books by genre. Students can write notes and reviews after they have read and classified them.

High School. When writing research papers, students can use the Advanced Book Search feature to narrow down results by time period, language, and exact phrases. Students can also use the “Find in a Library” or “Search Inside this Book” features to further enhance their research.

Google Books in Action

Project: You Are What You Eat

Grade/Subject: 9-12 / Cross-curricular

URL: <http://goo.gl/dfHb>

Using Google Books previews from current publications, as well as previously learned historical, scientific, and mathematical concepts, students will explore and compile data regarding the impact of food on individuals, societies, and the environment in both modern and ancient times.

- What is the impact of food availability, production, and consumption on an individual, a locality, and a society?

- Why are there chemicals and packaging in my food?

What are the effects of these on my body and the environment?

- How can I improve my health and the environment with the food I consume?

Students will choose or be assigned a food and trace its evolution, availability, consumption, and environmental/cultural/social impact. Using this data, as well as their own experiences and secondary sources, students will draft a research paper.

Students will use Google Books to search and add related texts to the “You Are What You Eat” bookshelf, add notes about the books, search common phrases, etc.



Additional Resources

More Examples

Google For Educators-Book Search: http://www.google.com/educators/p_booksearch.html

Advanced Book Search: http://books.google.com/advanced_book_search

Inside Google Books: <http://booksearch.blogspot.com/>

Google Books adds New Features and Tools: <http://goo.gl/pz65>

10 Ways to Use Google Books for Lifelong Learning and Research: <http://goo.gl/qLLN>

Complementary Tools

- Blogger - embed a book in your blog.
- Google Squared - classify books by genre.
- Google Maps - view places mentioned in the book or to create your own Google Lit Trip.
- Google Books for Mobile

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Students may participate in product use if the account is owned by a parent or teacher and that parent or teacher is present when the product is being used.

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